

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments above and comments which follow.

The Examiner has indicated the allowability of the subject matter of claim 15. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 15, and claim 15 has been cancelled. The claims dependent thereon remain unchanged. Given that claims 19-30 were rejected by the Examiner, those claims have been deleted.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite. Reconsideration is requested, because it is believed that the claim, as cast and as previously cast, is clear and definite.

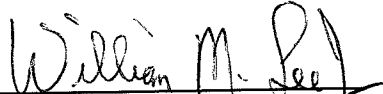
On pages 2 and 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner has explained that it is unclear how the receiving means characterized by the members 10 and 26 is movable to cause a collapsing force to be exerted on the selected blister. The Examiner goes on to explain that collapsing force is exerted by the plunger 30, and the receiving means 10 and 26 only serve to hold the selected blister in registration with the plunger 30.

With all due respect, it is submitted that movement of the receiving means, rather than movement of the abutment means, to cause a collapsing force to be exerted on the blister would be well understood by one skilled in the art. For example, this could be accomplished by fixing the button 32 in position, for example, by securing it to the underside of a shelf, and then pushing the base (and the receiving means) upwardly relative to the stationary button (and abutment means), thus causing ejection of a tablet into the opening and shoot for dispensing purposes. Thus, it is believed that the claim is clear as cast, and given the incorporation of the subject matter of claim 15, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, as are the remaining dependent claims.

The Examiner's further and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore urged. Should anything remain for consideration, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to accelerate the disposition of this application so that a patent can issue.

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